

Biography of
THE HONORABLE JASON RAPERT
ARKANSAS STATE SENATOR



CHAIR STATE AGENCIES & GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS
SENATE DISTRICT 35

Senator Jason Rapert represents Senate District 35, which includes parts of Faulkner and Perry Counties. He was elected to the Senate in 2010 and took the oath of office on the first day of the 2011 legislative session.

Senator Rapert currently serves as chair of the Senate Committee on State Agencies and Governmental Affairs and he is a member of the Senate Revenue and Taxation Committee. He is also a member of Senate Rules, Resolutions and Memorials Committee, Joint Retirement and Social Security, Joint Budget Committee, Arkansas Legislative Council and Legislative Joint Auditing Committee and serves on several subcommittees.

In the past, Senator Rapert has served as chair of the Senate Committee on Insurance and Commerce and as Senate vice chair of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. As chair of Insurance and Commerce, during the 92nd General Assembly Regular Session he sponsors legislation to update laws regulating the insurance industry and to modernize policies at the state Insurance Department.

In 2019 he co-sponsored Act 180, the Human Life Protection Act to prohibit abortion in Arkansas, and Act 493, the Cherish Act to prohibit abortions after 18 weeks of gestation. Senator Rapert sponsored Act 1088 to set higher standards of accountability and transparency for financial transactions made by the state Treasurer's Office. This reform legislation enhanced the oversight of the State Board of Finance and increased checks and balances related to the Treasurer's Office.

In the 2013 legislative session Rapert joined the Senate leadership and was the lead sponsor of Act 301, the Human Heartbeat Protection Act. It prohibits abortions when the physician can detect a heartbeat using ultrasound at 12 weeks unless exceptions are met, and is one of the most restrictive anti-abortion laws in the United States.

Also in past sessions, Senator Rapert was the lead Senate sponsor of Act 1450, Governor Mike Beebe's bill to repeal the state sales tax on groceries as soon as certain state financial obligations are met. He sponsored Act 1213 to place a Ten Commandments monument on the grounds of the state Capitol.

After 20 years in the insurance and financial services industry with a spotless record and no complaints, he now owns Providence Financial Group, Inc. He consults in the financial services industry on an as needed basis.

Senator Rapert is an active member of the National Conference of Insurance Legislators (NCOIL) and was elected by his peers as treasurer of the NCOIL for 2014-2015 and president in 2017-2018.

Senator Rapert is currently involved, or has formerly been involved, with various organizations including the following:

- Holy Ghost Ministries, Inc., President and Founder
- Rotary International, Member
- The Conway Rotary Club, Past President
Conway Rotary awarded him the Rotarian of the Year Award in 2007
- Rotary International District 6170, Past Assistant Governor
- Gideons International, former Vice President
- Conway Christian School Foundation, Board of Directors
- Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors
- Conway Symphony Orchestra, Board of Directors
- Faulkner County Leadership Institute, Class of 2002
- Faulkner County Republican Party, Member
- The Republican National Committee, Member
- Arkansas Republican Party Tusk Club, Member
- Future Farmers of America, Alumni Association
- Arkansas Farm Bureau, Member
- Arkansas Cattlemen's Association, Member
- Angus Association, Member
- National Rifle Association, Life Member
- Sanctuary of Hope Church, Ordained Minister
- Christians United For Israel, Member
- Central Arkansas Fiddlers Association, Member Senator

Senator Rapert is the founder and former president of Holy Ghost Ministries, Inc. (HGM), a faith based humanitarian mission organization providing clean water and assistance to the poor and orphans in Ghana West Africa, Uganda and the Philippines.

He and his wife Laurie attended the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. While at UCA he served on the Student Judicial Board and served as a congressional intern in the office of former Second Congressional District Representative Ray Thornton.